SUMMER READING INFO - see page 2

COMPUTER USE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT
Many individuals in our community do not have access to a computer or reliable Internet in their home, but rely on the Library to provide access. We are pleased that we can once again provide this essential service to our community. Printing, copying, and faxing services are also available.

Scheduling an appointment is necessary to ensure proper distancing and allow staff to sanitize surfaces between users.

LIMITED OPENING OF LIBRARY BUILDING
Beginning July 1, our patrons will once again be able to come into the Library to browse and select their own books, movies and other materials. There will be special hours reserved for Senior Citizens from 9:30-10:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Otherwise, we will be open 11:00 am – 5:30 pm Mon.-Thurs., 11-5 on Fridays, and 10:00-4:00 pm on Saturdays. The slightly shortened hours will allow time for staff to clean and sanitize areas.

We have missed our patrons and look forward to seeing you again, but for everyone’s safety we must ask you to limit your time in the building to 1/2 hour, abide by the social distancing guidelines, and to wear a mask if medically allowed. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

CURBSIDE PICKUP
Curbside pickup of materials will still be available. Requests can be made by email or phone, or holds may be placed through RSACat. Library staff will then call you to schedule a pickup time.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN
RAILS Library System will resume delivery June 29, so we will once again be able to offer InterLibrary Loan Service. Due to new regulations, it may take longer to receive IILoan items than in the past. We appreciate your patience.

RETURNING MATERIALS
All previously checked out items are now due June 30, and should be returned in the outdoor book drop as soon as possible. No late fees will be charged at this time. Our regular lending periods will resume July 1.

CONTACTING THE LIBRARY
The best ways to contact us are to call 217-357-3232 or email us at cartlib@mtcnow.net.

INTERNET ACCESS—WIFI
The Library’s WiFi Signal extends to the sidewalks and parking areas by the Library. Look for the network Library Guest and log-in using the password Library1234 (with a capital L)

FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY BASICS
Joyce Buckert will be presenting information to help individuals begin researching their family history. Although we won’t be able to hold this program in person as originally planned, Joyce has agreed that we can record her presentation. If all goes well, the video will be posted on the Library’s Youtube channel by July 1. An announcement with links will be posted on Facebook and our website.

As part of this program, we will show how to use the census records and other databases available through the Library edition of Ancestry.

Although normally only available within the Library, at this time we are able to allow remote access. Begin at the Library’s website: carthagepubliclibrary.com. Hover your mouse over the “References & Resources Tab” then click on the Ancestry tab. The password is CPLD1894.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT — Newspapers & Magazines
Carthage Public Library subscribes to 10 newspapers: Augusta Eagle Scribe, Burlington Hawkeye, Hancock County Journal Pilot, Hancock County Quill (LaHarpe), Keokuk Daily Gate City, McDonough County Voice, Peoria Journal Star, Quincy Herald Whig, USA Today, and Wall Street Journal. When we begin our limited opening in July, patrons will once again be able to read the newspapers.

USA Today is currently available to read on-line. Log in with the Library’s email cartlib@mtcnow.net and the password CartLib3232.

The Library also receives 35-40 magazines, most by subscription, some by donation. We also subscribe to the online version of Consumer Reports, which you can view from home. Visit Consumerreports.org. The log-in is cartlib@mtcnow.net and the password is CartLibPatron5.

Let’s name this newsletter! Please SEND us your suggestions!
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

May 17 - July 31, 2020

Please complete an on-line registration form for each participant from the above link or through the link on our website.

VIRTUAL SUMMER READING

Summer reading is in full swing, but it's not too late to sign up! It's open to all ages from babies through adults. Be sure to keep track of all books you read or listen to.

Every two weeks we are posting a theme with books, videos, crafts, and other activities. Then we check in with everyone who has registered. Those who participated in activities and read during the previous two weeks are entered in a prize drawing.

We finished our Under the Sea theme on June 14th, but the resources are still available on our website. We are moving onto Space for June 15-28! Please remember to take pictures of activities you do relating to summer reading and share them with us!

Prizes will still be awarded based upon the number of books read, but they will not be distributed until the end of the summer. Basic prizes include books and coupons from Dairy Queen, Casey’s and Pizza Hut. Readers will also be entered into drawings for some prize packages.

This year’s program is much different than usual. We are encouraged by the number of people who have already signed up and are participating. We welcome feedback from everyone!

If you or someone you know is unable to access the program on-line, please encourage them to call the library. We can arrange another way for them to participate in summer reading and share them with us!

Please take note, the PreK-4th grade group is keeping track of PAGES read not just titles. Each picture book counts for 50 pages, and please round each chapter book to the nearest 50 pages!

For babies and toddlers we are combining summer reading with the Rubber Ducky Club, so completing activities on the Rubber Ducky sheet counts both as summer reading participation and toward the Rubber Ducky monthly goals. Be sure to also record the titles of all books read to your child.

ADULT SUMMER READING

Adults are also encouraged to participate in summer reading through our traditional adult reading log or our ARKS: Adults Reading Kids’ Stuff program. You may register online, or call the Library and we will complete the registration for you.

Copies of the reading logs may be downloaded from our website, or a paper copy can be sent with a curbside pickup of books.

Our 2020 Focus on Illinois reading challenge for adults and high school student continues. For June read 2 children’s picture books that are set in IL or were written by an IL author. In July read a Juvenile or YA book set in IL or by an IL author.

Suggested titles can be found on the 2020 Focus page of our website or www.illinoisauthors.org.

When you have completed the reading for the month you can email us your information and the book you read and we will enter you in the quarterly prize drawing.

If you would like to talk about books you read or ask others for recommendations, join the private Facebook Group “Hancock County IL Reading Chat.”

BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING

As always, participants may log all books they read or listen to during the summer; they are not limited to books checked out from the Carthage Public Library.

This year, books are available through curbside pickup. You may place books on hold, or call or email the Library. You may specify titles or authors, or library staff can select books for you. For the children, we will usually include a couple of books that meet the current theme.

In addition, patrons have access to free downloadable audio books and ebooks. E-Read Illinois uses the Axis360 app and includes books in Kindle format. Alliance Digital Media Library (ADML) uses the Overdrive or Libby app. Log-in with your library card barcode number and PIN.

Tumble Books is providing free access to their collections which also include Teen Book Cloud, Audio Book Cloud, and Romance Book Cloud.

There are many videos on Facebook and Youtube of Librarians and others reading books. Our summer theme pages include links to some of those, including Amy Gee reading books by Illinois Author Andrea Beaty. Other sites include Storytimeonline.net and storylinefromspace.com.

COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS — by mail, telephone, or on-line at My2020census.gov & encourage your neighbors to complete theirs.


The City of Carthage is having a drawing for Carthage Cash based on our response rate.

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